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I dream of a Hawaii with a diverse and strong economy. I have worked on bills encouraging the development of our knowledge-based industries such as technology, biotechnology, science, film, and alternative energy. I also introduced legislation helping our small businesses. One bill I introduced and passed into law was House Bill 2569, which protects Hawaii shell product businesses from persons or businesses fraudulently using the term "Ni'ihau" for their products.

Women's issues have been a passion of mine since my days as a UH student government leader when I was motivated by survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. In 2003, I organized a bipartisan group of legislators to save the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women from being eliminated by the Governor. In addition, I supported rape survivors in having the option to choose emergency contraceptives at hospitals.

"Government efficiency" was one of the topics I campaigned on. As Vice Chair of the Tourism & Culture Committee, I worked to improve the operations of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau to make sure public funds are expended efficiently. Further, I was able to pass another of my bills into law, House Bill 680, which requires mandatory ethics training for elected and appointed government officials. The Hawaii Pro-Democracy Initiative recognized me for good government deeds when I provided organization charts on the Hawaii State Legislature for public use.

You have my continued commitment to always strive high for our community and State. Mahalo!

